

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, June 25 2009

Chairs Farrell and Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dr. Peter Geiss, and Flor Gonzalez; and Supervisors Duane Paulson, and Jim Jeskewitz. Citizen Members JoAnn Weidmann arrived at 1:04 p.m. and Michael O'Brien at 1:06 p.m. **Absent:** Supervisors Janel Brandtjen and Paul Decker, and Citizen Member Joe Vitale.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Bill Zaborowski, Pauline Jaske, and Gilbert Yerke. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:03 p.m. **Absent:** Janel Brandtjen.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Adolescent & Family Services Manager Peter Slesar, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy Haney, Children & Family Services Manager Jesús Mireles, Adolescent & Family Services Supervisor Terry Cook, Alternate Care & Children with Special Needs Supervisor Don Daniels, Permanency Services Supervisor Lisa Roberts, and Foster Care Coordinator Shari Rather. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes 5-28-09

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of May 28th. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

For informational purposes, Paulson passed around a copy of the grant application for the Second Chance Juvenile Mentoring initiative (discussed on Page 2).

Cummings arrived at 1:03 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

Paulson highlighted items on the committee's future agenda items list and those that may be scheduled for the next meeting.

Weidmann arrived at 1:04 p.m.

Executive Committee Report 6-1 & 6-15

Paulson advised of the following items discussed at the last two Executive Committee meetings.

- Reviewed the Internal Audit Work Plan which includes countywide cashiering, Community Development Block Grant, and the Health & Human Services billing system.

- Discussed changes in recycling materials pricing and the resulting amendment to the Materials Recycling Facility contract.
- Heard an update on Information Systems projects including countywide cashiering, public safety systems, tax system, and infrastructure. There are ongoing concerns between the Treasurer's Office and the Department of Administration with the cashiering system.
- Heard a report on recent FEMA training.
- Approved the ordinances that were included in the last yellow packet.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes 5-28-09

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Geiss to approve the minutes of May 28th. Motion carried 7-0.

Advisory Committee Reports

Farrell said the advisory committees he is involved with are monitoring their budgets along with their needs/funding requests made through recent presentations.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss Preliminary Talks of Merging Easter Seals with the Waukesha Training Center (Farrell)
- Update on the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (Schuler)
- Review Health & Human Services Board Roles During Emergencies (Farrell)

Combined Agenda Items

Informational Update on Federal Juvenile Justice Grant Application

Slesar discussed this grant for the Juveniles Justice Second Chance initiative. In partnership with Wisconsin Community Services and Carroll University, they are proposing to implement additional supports for young people to re-integrate them into the community when they leave our Juvenile Detention Facility or similar facilities such as Ethan Allen. Slesar advised there is currently no good transitional piece within the correctional system. Waukesha County does their own aftercare and monitors these people after incarceration. This program would augment that. Wisconsin Community Services, who currently provides the Intensive Tracking Program, will work with these young people and their families in the home, specifically for the highest risk population. Re-Entry Specialists will meet with individuals up to five times a week for one to two hours per day to get them acclimated in the community, teach them various skills such as how to fill out job applications, etc. Carroll University, who is currently providing a volunteer student mentorship program, will expand the program for this higher risk population. Slesar noted this is a three-year, nonrenewable grant totaling \$56,000 and he believes it is tied to stimulus dollars.

Public Health Governance Essential Service #10

Binders containing information on the ten required National Public Health Performance standards, discussed at previous meetings, were distributed. Healy Haney said essential Service #10 involves research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems, such as the County's Head

Start Program, health checks for children, etc. The Public Health Division has participated in or supported research studies this year for the Partners Investing in Nursing's Future program, The National Children's Study, etc. They also participate with the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute. Healy Haney advised they continually do outreach for different studies including SHOW, a research institute which surveys the health of Wisconsin. This year, SHOW will travel to Menomonee Falls, Oconomowoc, and New Berlin to survey a select population. Blood tests, x-rays, blood pressure, urinalyses, and other samples are taken to help in their research. Healy Haney advised she has also coordinated research with the Medical College of Wisconsin to measure outcomes from our Prenatal Care Coordination Program. The results showed good birthing outcomes including reduced smoking by pregnant mothers.

Public Health Update

Healy Haney said Waukesha County is approaching 400 cases of Swine Flu. The Public Health Division has frequent interaction with the public, day care providers, hospitals, etc. but the daycare centers are having a difficult time. For all children five and under, they are recommending Tamiflu although this doesn't prevent re-infection. The community is using the Public Health Division to its maximum and this has become a challenge since there are currently four vacant public health nurse positions. They have been notified that a Swine Flu vaccine will be available sometime in the fall. One of the things they will need to work on is a vaccination plan and there will be a lot of questions surrounding this rapidly developed vaccine. Also in the fall, they will be gearing up for the seasonal flu and their homebound flu vaccine program. Also new is the adolescent immunizations program and they are currently doing round two of the ETAP and varicella vaccines for this population. Healy Haney noted overall, they have three huge programs and they need to figure out how to do it – how to find staff to do it. She said every day is a challenge. Geiss said if this was SARS, for example, with a 25% mortality rate, they would be confronting a huge staffing crisis. Healy Haney agreed and said this is already happening with the Swine Flu.

Educational Presentation: An Overview of Foster Care and Other Out-of-Home Placement Types

A PowerPoint presentation was given and hard copies of same were distributed. Roberts said prior to 2003 there was no required foster parent training. The County mandated the Partners in Alternate Care Education (PACE) training for all licensed Waukesha County foster parents beginning in January of 2003. It involves 36 hours of training with 12 modules of content including teambuilding, impact of child abuse and neglect on child development, sexual abuse, effects of fostering on the family, permanency issues for children and families, discipline and behavior management, attachment, separation and placement, etc. There is also pre-placement training which includes an overview of the rules and requirements of foster care and the basics on how to care for a foster child. This has been expanded with Foundation Training which includes an additional ten modules of training that primarily focuses on developing additional skills. Roberts said beginning this year, foster parents are now required to attend an additional 10 hours of training each year. The State is looking into mandating foster care training and what that will look like or how it will affect current procedures is unknown. Besides training, they contract with St. Aemilian's Lakeside for the Caregiver Support Program for foster parents and relative caretakers.

There are currently 123 foster homes in the County. Between January and June of 2009, 21 licenses were closed, one was revoked, and there have been 50 inquiries. About 21 homes in any given year opt out of continuing foster care for a variety of reasons.

Daniels explained foster care, treatment foster care, group foster care, and residential care. Children with disabilities and teenagers will almost always go into treatment foster care. The teenagers are usually sexual perpetrators or have committed other crimes. They require a higher level of care and need more support and supervision. Group foster care is a group home for up to eight kids with paid staff. They go to regular schools in the community and they get their mental health and other treatment needs in the community on an outpatient basis. It is primarily for kids that cannot make it in the intimacy of a family setting or for kids close to being 18 who will soon be on their own. Residential care is for the most involved kids and treatment is provided on the premises, such as Norris or Ladd Lake.

Roberts discussed base rates of pay for regular foster care which are based on the age of the child. For children aged 0-4 the monthly rate is \$349 and up to \$452 for children aged 15-18. Additional payments are made for more difficult children and there are initial clothing allowances. Daniels, and others concurred, that foster parents are not in it for the money. Daniels noted that at any one time there are 10 to 12 kids from failed adoptions who are in need of foster care. Treatment foster care costs over \$3,000 per month, group foster care costs about \$4,750, and residential care in the centers is around \$9,400. Roberts noted that permanency planning starts from day one for all cases which she explained further.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jeskewitz to adjourn the committee at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Geiss moved, second by Gonzalez to adjourn the board meeting at 3:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes recorded by Mary Pedersen

Approved on _____
Date